

Listing of Claims

1 1. (Currently Amended) A modular assembly for a hearing instrument, comprising:
2 a faceplate;
3 a battery door in the faceplate; and
4 an electrical programming contact assembly partially affixed to the faceplate and
5 generally adjacent and conforming to the contour of the battery door , where the electrical
6 programming contact assembly is partially embedded in the faceplate.

1 2. (Original) An assembly as set forth in claim 1, where
2 the faceplate comprises a generally rectangular opening; and
3 the battery door resides within the generally rectangular opening.

1 3. (Currently Amended) An assembly as set forth in claim 1, where the electrical
2 programming contact assembly comprises at least one contact, ~~each contact comprising where~~
3 each contact comprises a contact portion and a terminal portion generally adjacent and
4 conforming to the contour of the battery door, and an interconnection portion, interconnecting
5 the contact and terminal portions, where the interconnecting portion is at least partially
6 embedded in the faceplate.

1 4. (Original) An assembly as set forth in claim 3, where
2 the faceplate comprises a generally rectangular opening; and
3 the battery door resides within the generally rectangular opening.

1 5. (Currently Amended) An electrical programming contact assembly for a faceplate
2 of a hearing instrument, where the faceplate comprises a battery door and the assembly is
3 partially affixed to the faceplate and generally adjacent and conforming to the contour of the
4 battery door , where the electrical programming contact assembly is partially embedded in
5 the faceplate.

1 6. (Currently Amended) An assembly as set forth in claim 5, where
2 the faceplate comprises a generally rectangular opening; and
3 the battery door resides within the generally rectangular opening.

1 7. (Currently Amended) An assembly as set forth in claim 5, where the electrical
2 programming contact assembly comprises at least one contact, ~~each contact comprising where~~
3 each contact comprises a contact portion and a terminal portion generally adjacent and
4 conforming to the contour of the battery door, and an interconnection portion, interconnecting
5 the contact and terminal portions, where the interconnecting portion is at least partially
6 embedded in the faceplate.

1 8. (Currently Amended) An assembly as set forth in claim 7, where
2 the faceplate comprises a generally rectangular opening; and
3 the battery door resides within the generally rectangular opening.

1 9. (Currently Amended)An electrical programming contact for a faceplate of a
2 hearing instrument, where the faceplate comprises a battery door and the contact is partially
3 affixed to the faceplate and generally adjacent and conforming to the contour of the battery door
4 ; where the contact is partially embedded in the faceplate.

1 10. (Currently Amended)An electrical programming contact as set forth in
2 claim 9, where
3 the faceplate comprises a generally rectangular opening; and
4 the battery door resides within the generally rectangular opening.

1 11. (Currently Amended)An electrical programming contact as set forth in claim 9,
2 where the electrical programming contact comprises a contact portion and a terminal portion
3 generally adjacent and conforming to the contour of the battery door, and an interconnection
4 portion, interconnecting the contact and terminal portions, where the interconnecting portion
5 is at least partially embedded in the faceplate.

1 12. (Currently Amended)An electrical programming contact as set forth in
2 claim 11, where
3 the faceplate comprises a generally rectangular opening; and
4 the battery door resides within the generally rectangular opening.

1 13. (Previously presented) An assembly as set forth in claim 3, further
2 comprising battery contacts and where the terminal portion of at least one of the contacts
3 comprises a section extending to one of the battery contacts.

1 14. (Previously presented) An assembly as set forth in claim 13, where the
2 section of the terminal portion extending to one of the battery contacts passes through
3 the faceplate.

1 15. (Previously presented) An assembly as set forth in claim 7, where the
2 hearing instrument further comprises battery contacts and where the terminal portion of at least
3 one of the contacts comprises a section extending to one of the battery contacts.

1 16. (Previously presented) An assembly as set forth in claim 15, where the
2 section of the terminal portion extending to one of the battery contacts passes through
3 the faceplate.

1 17. (Previously presented) An electrical contact as set forth in claim 11, where
2 the hearing instrument further comprises battery contacts and where the terminal portion of at
3 least one of the contacts comprises a section extending to one of the battery contacts.

1 18. (Previously presented) An assembly as set forth in claim 17, where the
2 section of the terminal portion extending to one of the battery contacts passes through
3 the faceplate.